GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT RESPONSE FORCE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has invited civil defence organisations like National Cadet Corps to be included in the Disaster Management Response Force; (b if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the States have set up the State-level Disaster Management Authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government is considering a separate scheme for revamping of Civil Defence;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the amount likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): There is no such organization by the name of, `Disaster Management Response Force`. However the Government of India have constituted the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), comprising of 8 battalions of Central Para Military Forces, for the purpose of specialist response to any disaster situation. There will be 144 Specialist Response Teams in the eight battalions of NDRF, which are being trained and equipped for responding to natural disasters. Four of these eight battalions are also being trained and equipped for responding to Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) emergencies.

As regards inclusion of Civil Defence Organisations like National Cadet Corps in the Disaster Management Response Force, a High Powered Committee has been constituted on the issue of revamping of Civil Defence Organisation under the Chairmanship of a Member of the National Disaster Management Authority.

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The Terms of Reference of the Committee include devising ways and means of integrating Civil Defence Organisations with National Cadet Corps (NCC)/Boy Scouts,Guides/other such organizations particularly in the sphere of disaster management including preparedness so as to have synergy in their operations.

(c), (d) & (e): According to available information, 18 State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have constituted the State Disaster Management Authorities. These are Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Orissa, Pubjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Utar Pradesh, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Delhi and Lakshadweep. The remaining State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to constitute Disaster Management Authorities in terms of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 enacted on 23rd December , 2005. The State Governments/UT Administrations which have already constituted the said Disaster Management Authorities have also been advised to ensure that their constitution is in conformity with the provisions of the Act or their Acts. The dates on which the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 will come into force in different States/UTs will be notified in consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations. They have already been addressed in the mater.

(f), (g) & (h): Yes, Sir. The Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of a Member of the National Disaster management authority to suggest measures for revamping of the Civil Defence and to draw up the financial requirements in this regard.